Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Mar 2021 at 13:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the cold showery conditions giving way to some more settled weather next week. Lower for details.

Headline for Saturday 13 Mar 2021: A few sunny intervals but showers becoming more frequent, with snow on the mountains. Strengthening west to northwest wind.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	50%	80%	50%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Weather: Overnight snow showers will gradually become isolated and more confined to coast and island ranges, with some clear spells elsewhere by morning. The day starting dry and bright in the east but snow showers in the west will becoming more frequent and widespread as the morning goes on. Some heavy with thunder possible but snow levels will edge up to 600m in the afternoon. Strengthening winds may lead to occasional blizzard conditions on the tops. Showers becoming lighter and more scattered in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% at first in morning falling 30% as the showers becoming more widespread.

Visibility: Very good at first away from showers in the west with only patchy cloud then occasionally poor or very poor in heavier snow showers with cloud lowering to 600m at times, the odd lower patch in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/17 SE	14/17 N	23/27 W	23/30 SW	25/33 W	27/35 W	29/38 NW	31/41 W	30/41 W
900	6/10 SE	9/12 N	13/18 W	17/24 W	18/25 W	18/26 W	19/28 NW	20/29 W	21/32 W
600	6/9 E	9/12 N	13/18 SW	19/25 SW	18/26 SW	18/25 W	18/26 W	18/27 W	22/32 W
300	4/7 NE	4/7 N	5/8 W	10/15 SW	11/17 SW	12/19 W	11/19 NW	12/21 W	13/24 W
Glen	3/5 SE	1/5 NW	3/9 W	6/16 W	8/18 W	9/19 NW	8/20 W	8/20 W	11/25 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-9	-5/-11	-6/-15	-6/-14	-5/-13	-4/-12	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13
900	-3/-7	-3/-8	-4/-10	-3/-10	-2/-9	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9
600	-0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-7	-1/-7	0/-6	1/-5	1/-5	0/-6	0/-6
300	1/-2	0/-2	1/-2	1/-3	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	3/-2
Glen	1/-0	1/-0	2/0	4/1	5/2	6/3	5/2	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	300m	300m	300m	400m	500m	700m	600m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

Forecast for Sunday 14 Mar 2021
Weather: Cloudy with showers merging into a longer spell of rain and hill snow in the morning and early afternoon, the snow above about 600m. Becoming drier but rather cloudy later with some longer clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: West to northwest 35 gusts 50mph easing 25 gusts 35mph by evening. Wind causing it to feel bitterly cold at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, rising 60% in the evening.

Visibility: Occasionally moderate or poor in rain and hill snow with cloud extensive at 450-750m, then mainly good visibility with much more broken cloud in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero to Plus 2 rising to Plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m.

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